tember, 1993, in which the strains caused on ecology by population boom were studied;

(b) if so, what were the revelations, suggestions and observations made at the workshop; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto by way of taking effective steps to avert the ecological catastrophe by curbing population growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Indian Environmental Society, a voluntary organisation, organised "Global Forum on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development" during 24th to 28th, September 1993. The Seminar had the following objectives;

—To exchange information and experience on environmental activities on the follow-up of UNCED;

—To suggest ways and means to achieve sustainable Development;

—Networking and Cooperation among Environment and Development Educators and between formal and non-formal sectors with active role of NGO's in this field.

This Ministry is not aware of any study conducted by the Forum on strains caused on ecology by population boom. The recommendations of the forum in its para 12 makes a mention of the population problem. The paragraph is reproduced below:

"The role of voluntary organisations is very important on issues like population problem, Urban Development, Sound Use of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment, New and Appropriate Technologies for sustainable development. These are the major issues particularly indeveloping countries and should be taken on priority basis by all means of resources."

(c) The Government is already taking various steps for control of population, and Voluntary organisations are being involved in these efforts.

**Components of Ganga Action Plan at Kanpur**

628. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the critical components of Ganga Action Plan, the mega sewage treatment facility at Kanpur is likely to be greatly delayed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the delay would have serious repercussion on the effectiveness of GAP's first phase; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the early completion of all the components of GAP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A plant to treat 130 million litres of sewage daily, being set up at Kanpur under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I (GAP-I), has been delayed due to the defaults on the part of the contractor executing the work. However, it is not likely to detract from the effectiveness of the overall achievements of the GAP's first phase.

(d) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been advised to take all steps for timely completion of this plant and other pending components. The State Government has committed to complete all the remainsng schemes of GAP-I including the above plant by March 1995.

**Development of Shimilipal Forest Reserve, Orissa, under the Project Tiger**

629. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have included Shimilipal Forest Reserve, Orissa, for development under the Project Tiger;

(b) if so, the amount spent and allocated so far for the same; and

(c) the number of tigers estimated to be residing in the said forest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central assistance released under Project Tiger Scheme upto 1992-93 is Rs. 310.74 lakhs, of which Rs. 306.90 lakhs have been spent by the State Government. The Central assistance released so far during the current financial year is Rs. 22.3950 lakhs.

(c) The estimated number of tigers in this Reserve is 95.

**Pending Projects from Andhra Pradesh**

630. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government that are pending for Environmental clearance;

(b) since when these are pending; and

(c) at what stage of consideration they are?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Only one project namely Vemagiri Gas Based Thermal Power Station of Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board received in May, 1993 is pending as the additional information sought by the expert committee has been furnished only recently by the project authorities.

**Seizure of Tiger Skins in Delhi**

631. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seizure of tiger-skin in Delhi on August 31, 1993 was the biggest and if so, how many tigers and other wild cats skins were seized;

(b) whether the seizure included the skins and bows of a large number of endangered species; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any gang of illict dealers and poachers was nabbed; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A large quantity of skin and bones was seized in Delhi on 30.8.1993. Besides tiger skins, the seizure included skins of other endangered species, viz., leopard, black buck etc. The details of the seizures are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) Two persons have been arrested in the above case and a complaint has been filed in the Court of Law.

**Statement**

*List of Items Seized on 30th August, 1993*

*1st Seizure :*

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| Tiger Skins | 6 No. |
| Tiger bones | 162 Kg. |
| *IInd. Seizure :* | |
| Lizard skins | 43 |
| Tiger bone | 125 Kg. |